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For: LOW FOGGING THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND USE OF SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of 51 pages  
\_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ drawings  
☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee  
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☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy  
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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto. Also enclosed are the verified English translation(s) of the above-noted priority application(s).

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